

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

November 11, 2009

The Regular Meeting and the Public Budget Hearing of the Town Board of Genoa, Cayuga County, State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 1000 Bartnick Road, Genoa NY on November 11, 2009

Present:	Stuart Underwood, Supervisor	Mick Piechuta, Code Enforcement Officer
	Peggy Bradley, Council Member	Don Potter
	Cheryl Shields, Council Member	Heather Garner, Assessor
	Dale Sellen, Council Member	Frank Sellen, Highway Superintendent
	Lorie Fessenden, Council Member	Jeff Lowe
	Sue Moss, Town Clerk	

The regular meeting and Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by S. Underwood with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Heather Garner and Jeff Lowe spoke about property sales and an annual reassessment for the Town. At this time, any home improvement means a negative in assessment because of sales trends. The Board is in agreement of an annual reassessment. If a reval is agreed upon for 2010, it can be cancelled up to March 31, 2010. There was a budget overage for the reval line item but will be corrected.

CLERK’S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk’s Office for October 2009

Decals \$ 2.76

Dog Licenses:

Total received: \$ 90.50

Building Permits \$ 242.00

Disbursements for October:

Pd to Supervisor: \$ 303.19 (includes \$38.43 from sale of dog licenses)

Pd to CC Treasurer for dog licenses \$ 34.07

Pd to Ag & Mkts for dog licenses \$ 18.00

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT October 2009 CLERK’S REPORT

On a motion by Fessenden, seconded by Shields, the above resolution was

ADOPTED

Ayes: 5: Bradley, Shields, Fessenden, Underwood, Sellen

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept Clerk’s Report for October 2009

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLUTION: APPROVE October 14, 2009 MINUTES

On a motion by Bradley, seconded by Shields, the above resolution was

ADOPTED

Ayes: 5: Underwood, Shields, Sellen, Bradley, Fessenden

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept October 14, 2009 minutes

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

WATER REPORT

None

Two bids were received for the well inspections. One was from Moody & Associates for \$16,620, the other from Capital for \$12,500. It was recommended that Mark attend Board meetings when Water Department issues are discussed. Frank called him and reported that Mark recommends using Capital. Frank will ask Mark to get references for this company and will let Stuart know, who will, in turn, contact the Board members with the information.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

It was reported that the landscaping at the Town Hall and the Rural Life Museum had been taken care of by the inmates from the Cayuga County Jail.

The Board discussed Town insurance and sending a bill to the GHA for their portion.

HISTORIAN

None

PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

Fessenden, Lorie

She will bring census information to the December meeting. The Board needs to decide if they want to name a point person for the census takers.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Piechuta, Michael

From October 15 to November 11, 3 building permits were issued, 4 inspections were conducted. He attended the NYS Fire Marshals & Inspectors Conference in Montour Falls.

Mick brought up the fact that he had been elected to the Town Board effective January 1, 2010. He is leaning toward accepting the permanent Code Enforcement position if offered to him by the Board. He will then resign as a Town Board member.

ASSESSOR'S UPDATE

Heather spoke to the Board at the beginning of the meeting

HIGHWAY REPORT

Sellen, Dale

In October the men were hauling gravel for the Towns of Venice and Niles to complete some of their road projects. They have, in turn, been hauling for us to Shingle Valley Road. On one of the days, we had 14 trucks hauling for us. So far, they've hauled about 3 thousand ton of screened gravel from Scott Binns' bank and 3 thousand ton of crushed gravel from Genoa Sand and Gravel. The east side is about complete and the west side should be done by month's end.

Eric has been running the grader and is getting better with the more seat time he gets. Jeff has been hauling steady with #4 and is doing fine. The transition between the older men and the younger guys seems to be going smooth, although the winter months will tell the story.

Jake has been mowing steady, and has caught up with the front side of the ditches and will be going back to catch some of the backsides where the farmers have gotten the crops off.

In the last couple of weeks, the weather has kept the men in practice putting on and taking off the plows and sanders. Some of the nearby Towns did have to sand, but we lucked out when it melted just in time. Frank and the nearby Highway Superintendents recently met with Southern Cayuga School District to discuss school closings and policies. Phone numbers were exchanged to help keep the communications open and to give advanced warnings when the pupils were being let out early. Hopefully, to avoid the confusion that was had a few years back.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Underwood, Stuart

October's report is not available and there are some overages that need to be researched.

BILLS

RESOLUTION: ACCEPT October 2009 BILLS with the exception of the insurance bill which needed to be verified

On a motion by Fessenden, seconded by Bradley, the above resolution was

ADOPTED

Ayes: 5: Bradley, Underwood, Fessenden, Shields, Sellen

Nays: 0

Resolved: To accept above mentioned bills with one exception

DOG REPORT

Underwood, Stuart

Carl Collier sent a contract for 2010. No decision was made.

OLD BUSINESS

Sue had not heard from her contact at Cornerstone Phone Company. She called and was told that he had left the company. So she is now starting over with a new contact person.

NEW BUSINESS

The Cayuga Lake Watershed organization sent a letter to the Town asking for money. The Town does not contribute. The League of Cities also is asking for money. Again, the Town does not contribute. America's Power Army sent an email to the supervisor. This was taken from their website: *My America's Power is an online community for you to use as you spread the word about how affordable and abundant coal that provides over 50 percent of our electricity can help lead us to energy independence.*

RESOLUTION: Pay \$600 dues to the Association of Towns

On a motion by Fessenden, seconded by Shields, the above resolution was

ADOPTED

Ayes: 5: Bradley, Underwood, Fessenden, Shields, Sellen

Nays: 0

Resolved: To pay the \$600 dues to the Association of Towns

Guy Krogh sent an email concerning the question of compatibility of offices between the office of the Code Enforcement Officer and Town Board Member.

Stuart passed out a consolidated water relevy list that will be added to individual property tax bills.

A check to the Town was received from NYMIR for \$1225.

For the 2010 Town budget, the tax rate is 98.62

RESOLUTION: Adopt the 2010 Town of Genoa budget

On a motion by Bradley, seconded by Sellen, the above resolution was

ADOPTED

Ayes: 5: Bradley, Underwood, Fessenden, Shields, Sellen

Nays: 0

Resolved: To adopt the 2010 preliminary Town of Genoa budget

The Board discussed hiring Mick Piechuta as the permanent Code Enforcement Officer.

RESOLUTION: Hire Mick Piechuta as the permanent Code Enforcement Officer

On a motion by Bradley, seconded by Shields, the above resolution was

ADOPTED

Ayes: 5: Bradley, Underwood, Fessenden, Shields, Sellen

Nays: 0

Resolved: Hire Mick Piechuta as the permanent Code Enforcement Officer

Stuart will call Mick with the offer.

A date for the year-end meeting will be decided at the December 9 Town Board meeting.

With no further business:

On a motion by Shields, seconded by Sellen, the regular Town Board meeting and the Public Budget Hearing were adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Ayes: 5: Underwood, Bradley, Shields, Sellen and Fessenden

Nays: 0